PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OCTOBER 24, 2007

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members present were Chair Mike Bender, Vice-Chair John Stevens, and Philip Busey. Also present were Attorney Thomas Moss, Acting Planning and Zoning Manager Marcie Nolan, Acting Deputy Planning and Zoning Manager David Abramson, Planner Lise Bazinet and Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Dan Pignato and Mimi Turin were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 26, 2007

Vice-Chair Stevens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Busey, to approve the minutes of September 26, 2007. In a voice vote, with Ms. Turin and Mr. Pignato being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 3-0)

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Variance

3.1 V 7-3-07, Francis, 9085 Lake Park Circle South (PRD)

Gregg Francis, representing the petitioner, was present. Mr. Abramson summarized the planning report. Mr. Francis indicated that he had nothing to add.

Chair Bender asked if anyone wished to speak for or against this item. As no one spoke, the public hearing was closed.

Vice-Chair Stevens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Busey, to approve. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Chair Bender – yes; Vice-Chair Stevens – yes; Mr. Busey – yes; Mr. Pignato – absent; Ms. Turin – absent. (Motion carried 3-0)

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Chair Bender commented that at the Town Council meetings, Council members who turned off their microphones had forgotten to turn them back on and, therefore, they could not be heard for long expanses of time. This was particularly distressing to residents watching the meeting on television. He asked that a message be sent to Council to remind them to please turn on their microphones during the meetings.

Chair Bender also advised that the votes that were taken at the Planning & Zoning Board meetings as well as the Site Plan Committee meetings were not made open to the public. He believed that the public had a right to know how the boards voted on issues and it should be acknowledged out of respect for those who have volunteered their time serving on those boards.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Date Approved:	
	Chair/Board Member